

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (cancelled)

Claim 2. (previously cancelled)

Claims 3-5. (cancelled)

Claims 6-61. (previously cancelled)

Claims 62-67. (cancelled)

Claims 68-69. (previously cancelled)

Claim 70. (new) A composition for lowering LDL-cholesterol levels or elevating HDL-cholesterol levels in the blood of a mammal, comprising one or more esters of a carboxylic acid and a polycosanol, wherein the carboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of eicosapentaenoic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, linoleic acid, arachidonic acid and linolenic acid and wherein the polycosanol is selected from the group consisting of docosanol, tetracosanol and hexacosanol.

Claim 71. (new) The composition according to claim 70 wherein the primary aliphatic alcohol is eicosanol, docosanol, tricosanol, tetracosanol, hexacosanol, octacosanol or triacontanol.

Claim 72. (new) The composition according to claim 71 wherein the acid moiety of the ester and the esters is a carboxylic acid containing from 2 to 22 carbon atoms.

Claim 73. (new) The composition according to claim 72 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable component selected from the group consisting of table margarine, shortening, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, ice cream, milk and yogurt.

Claim 74. (new) A method for lowering LDL-cholesterol levels or elevating HDL-cholesterol levels in blood of a mammal, which comprises orally administering to said mammal one or more esters of a carboxylic acid and a polycosanol, wherein the

carboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of eicosapentaenoic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, linoleic acid, arachidonic acid and linolenic acid and wherein the polycosanol is selected from the group consisting of docosanol, tetracosanol and hexacosanol.

Claim 75. (new) The method according to claim 74 wherein the acid moiety of the ester and the esters comprise a carboxylic acid containing from 2 to 22 carbon atoms.

Claim 76. (new) The method according to claim 75 wherein the composition further comprises a food substance or a mixture of food substances.

Claim 77. (new) The method according to claim 76 wherein the food substance or mixture of food substances is selected from the group consisting of table margarine, shortening, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, ice cream, milk and yogurt.

Claim 78. (new) The method according to claim 77 wherein the composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable component selected from the group consisting of an excipient, antioxidant, coloring agent, binder, and stabilizer.

Claim 79. (new) The method according to claim 77 wherein the effective amount of the ester of the polycosanol or the mixture of the polycosanols of the composition comprises a daily dosage from about 1 to about 500 mg of said ester or said mixture of esters.

Claim 80. (new) The method according to claim 78 wherein the effective amount of the ester of the polycosanol or the mixture of the polycosanols of the composition comprises a daily dosage from about 1 to about 500 mg of said ester or said mixture of esters.